

# Bark Park

City of Hampton Parks & Recreation Department

“No one appreciates the very special genius of your conversation as the dog does.”

CHRISTOPHER MORLEY

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## **BARK PARK(S):**

**BUCKROE BEACH**  
Corner of 2nd St.  
& Pembroke Ave.

**SANDY BOTTOM  
NATURE PARK**  
Coming Soon!



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## Bark Park is the Place to See & Be Seen!

Since its Grand Opening on May 3, Buckroe's Bark Park is definitely THE place to be for area canines and their savvy owners. Easily the highlight of the social season, the 3/4 acre enclosure offers guests ample space to socialize, sniff around, and leave their own special mark.

Located at the corner of Second Street and East Pembroke Avenue, the park actually sits on the outer fringes of Buckroe Beach Park. Only two blocks from the boardwalk, an almost constant breeze off the water ensures a comfortable setting for both dogs and owners. Amenities include a double gate system for security, a canine water fountain, bench seating for chauffeurs, free parking,

and the exhilaration of wide-open spaces for pets unaccustomed to such freedom.

A diverse lot, the dogs usually play well together, ignorant of their differences in size, breed, and temperament. Although rare, most behavioral problems are quickly handled by a stern command from their masters. Another interesting aspect of the dog park is watching the true personalities of the dogs emerge. While the dynamics vary depending on the dogs present, owners may be surprised to see their dogs evolve as leaders or followers, strong or meek, confident or shy, coy or flirtatious. Our pets really do resemble us much more than we realize!

## Where are all the Hot Dogs Going this Summer?

Why, to the Bark Park, of course! Not one to rest on its laurels, the Hampton Parks and Recreation Department is busy planning all kinds of exciting activities for its four-legged citizens, including another Bark Park scheduled to open at Sandy Bottom Nature Park later this summer. Some of the fun for canines will include:

### **Basic Dog Obedience**

Age: Handlers 12+  
Day/Date: Saturdays, June 28-Aug. 2  
Time: 9 - 10am  
Fee: \$45 (\$40 for Bark Park members)  
Location: Buckroe Beach Park  
Call 726-5437 for information

This class will teach on-lead work, heeling, sit/stay, down/stay, coming when called and standing for examination. Puppies should be at 6 months.

### **Intermediate Obedience Training**

Age: Handlers 12+  
Day/Date: Saturdays, June 28-Aug. 2

Time: 10-11am  
Registration Deadline: June 24  
Fee: \$45  
Location: Buckroe Bark Park

During this course, you and your dog will expand on the tools and techniques learned in basic obedience. The owner will be taught more handling skills with emphasis placed on recalls and the stay command. This course also prepares your dog for advanced training.

### **Pet Portraits**

Day/Date: Saturday, June 28  
Time: 10am-3pm  
Fee: \$12.99/sheet  
Website: [www.826dogs.com](http://www.826dogs.com)  
Location: Buckroe Bark Park

Have your pet's photo taken and get the pictures the same day. Pets are part of your family, so wouldn't it be nice to have a portrait of them to go with the other family pictures? Call 826-3647 to schedule your pet's time.

[ Roll Over! ]

# Parkin' at the Park

**A**s the popularity of the Bark Park increases, so too does the value of the adjacent parking spaces designed for members' use. Beachgoers trying to avoid the \$2 parking fee in the beach lot at Pembroke and First Street have further taxed these prime parking spots. In an effort to ensure convenient parking for pet owners, we are going to implement a new parking

policy at the Bark Park.

Registered members will be issued a "Parking Permit" which should be displayed on the rear view mirror of their vehicles when visiting the park -- all others will be towed or cited. If the 'Bark' lot is full, the permit will be accepted at the paid lot across the street in lieu of payment.

Only the best for our pooches!!!



## Ice Cream Social

The Bark Park at Buckroe Beach is sponsoring an **Ice Cream Social** for its canine friends on Sunday, July 6, from 1-3 pm.

The ice cream is soy based, with goats milk and Vitamins E and C. A variety of toppings will be available, from veggies to carobs and nuts.

The cost is \$3 if pre-registered and \$3.50 at the gate. You can pre-register by bringing your form and money to the Hampton Parks and Recreation Department on the fifth floor of City Hall or by mailing it to 22 Lincoln St., Hampton, VA 23669.

For further information, call 726-5437.

Forms available at  
[www.hampton.gov/parks](http://www.hampton.gov/parks)

## Ask Fido

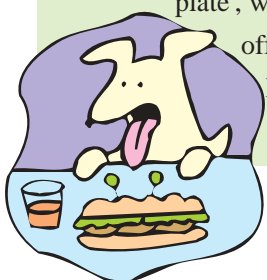
*What is bordetella and why is it so important?*  
*Abby (black lab)*

Bordetella is the most common cause of kennel cough in dogs. It is a bacterial illness that is most common among dogs that congregate in areas such as dog shows, kennels, or obedience schools. Symptoms include a persistent, dry hacking cough that sounds like the dog has something in its throat. The infection tends to be rather mild and of short duration but in a few cases, can lead to pneumonia.

## 10 Bones Bakery - Treats for you know who!

**V**anessa Scott Connell recently opened 10 Bones Bakery, a business specializing in pampering your pooch. The idea originated many years ago with her dog George, and she has been compiling ideas ever since. George is no longer with her, but she has three other very eager taste testers -- Bailey, Murphy and Toby. After receiving the approval of her canine crew, she will be making her specialties available at the Buckroe Bark Park, starting Friday, June 6. Regular days and hours of operation will be Fridays and Saturdays, 10am to sunset and Sundays, 1 pm to sunset.

While visiting the park, be sure to ask about her special occasion treat bags and catered events. How about throwing your pooch a birthday party at the park!!! Birthday packages are \$32 for five dogs and \$7 for each additional dog and include invitations, a cake, treat bags and party favors for each dog. Canine guests will receive their cake on a Frisbee 'plate', which they can then take home. A special area of the park will be fenced off with decorations and a floor mat 'tablecloth' for your special guests. For additional information on booking a party, call 726-5437.



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## Mark Your Calendar

**Hot Dog Dip**

Sept. 5 & 6

10 am - 2 pm

Briar-Queen Pool

1680 Duke Street

Info? 827-8380